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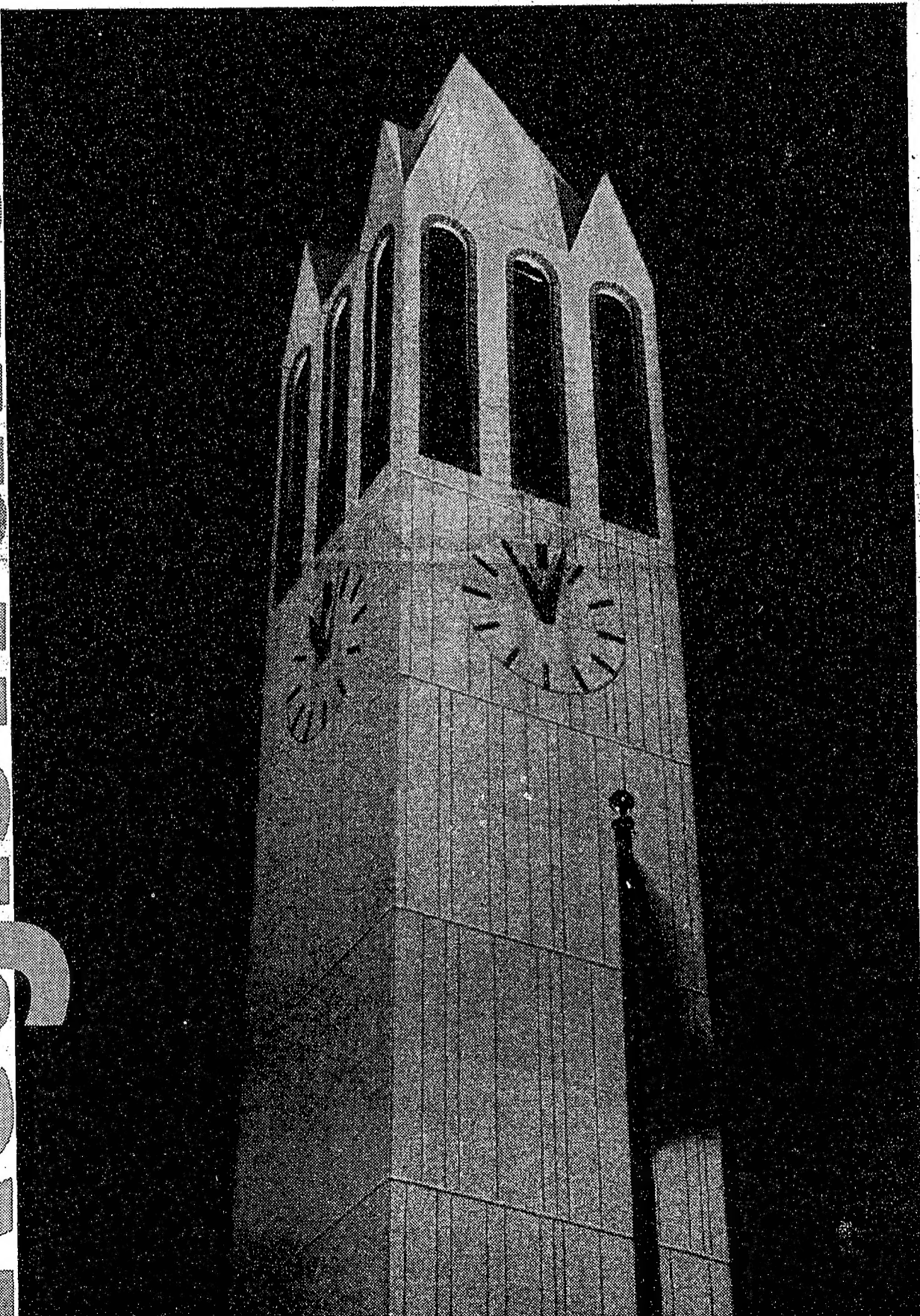
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Editorial Comment by Veronica Burgher

Seeing those Registration photos brings back memories, doesn't it.

The group of us who remember the Registration nightmare are dwindling fast as we graduate, and hopefully, get "real" jobs.

But every time we pick up the phone to call Better Registration at UNO, also known as BRUNO, and we are greeted by "Hello, this is BRUNO," we breathe a sigh of relief.

We remember having to rearrange our summer work schedule to get to campus during the first minutes of our "assigned registration time." The administration didn't care if we worked nights when they set 10 a.m. as the registration time for sophomores with social security numbers ending in 78.

We remember hoping we got to school early enough to find a parking spot close to the Student Center so our hour-long walk didn't make us late.

We remember feeling sick upon seeing the line down the stairs and out the door. But what could we do? We just got in line and hoped our

boss was in a good mood that day.

Once we finally got in the day and out of the summer's searing heat, the task was to prevent line cutters from getting even one person ahead. How dare they think their daily tasks were any more important than our own? The only time line skipping was permissible was when we saw a friend of ours at least 50 people ahead. Then it was OK.

After what seemed like hours, but was probably only one hour, we got to pick our classes. That was the easy part. Arranging to pay for it all, was the hard part. We all hoped Registration fell on or after payday.

But now we don't even have to leave home. We don't have to play games with other people stranded in a place where none of us wants to be. And best of all, our checkbooks can be full of cobwebs, and we can register for classes.

Those of us who remember the old days can most appreciate the innovation of phone registration. Those who follow will be just as put-out when the phone system goes down as we were with the lines.

So enjoy technology as its best.

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Student President Looking to Change Budget Process

By Kate Kalamaja

Saying that Student Government, "should have no say" in the budgets of the Student Programming Organization and the Gateway, Student President/Regent Justin Peterson hopes to change the way the Senate does business with the budgets, and what budgets they do business with.

Peterson said Wednesday he will present a constitutional amendment to the Senate this fall addressing that the Senate be limited to reviewing certain budgets.

"Student Government is of no advisory at all," he said in regard to both the SPO and Gateway budgets. He said the Senate should look over only the budgets of the student agencies and Student Government itself.

The Senate shouldn't have a say in the SPO budget, Peterson said, because that may then limit the amount of programming students on campus would receive. As with the Gateway budget, he said the Senate shouldn't have authority on it, since that may hinder student expression.

For years, the Senate has handled the budgets of all the student agencies, or Fund A, SPO and the Gateway. The agencies include Women's Resource Center, International Student Services, American Multicultural Students and Disabled Student Agency.

The Student Activities Budget Commission, SABC, recommends the budget allocation of the Fund A student fees. It is composed of students, faculty and staff. The chair of the commission is the executive treasurer of Student Government. However, SABC is not part of Student Government.

After the budget goes through SABC, it must go to the vice chancellor of educational and student services, and then to the chancellor for approval.

The reason for Peterson's action on the SPO and Gateway budgets, he said, is to in the future prevent any senators from cutting the budgets from either organization.

Any money ever cut from either of the two budgets would fall straight into the Student Government account. Peterson said that wouldn't be fair for the Senate to give students' money to themselves for their own benefit.

Peterson said he plans to have the amendment to the Rules Committee this month.

Currently there are nine open seats on the Student Senate.

Members of the Senate have said Student

Government is one of the many ways to get involved on campus.

"I think it's a great opportunity," said Sen. Michael Douglas, who has been a member of Student Government since last September. "You get to meet people you otherwise wouldn't have a chance to meet. Douglas also said his leadership and organization skills have improved since being a senator.

Peterson said each student's college experience is what they make of it. He said students need to become involved on campus, especially at a commuter campus such as UNO.

"I'm convinced that if I or any student went to UNL or UNK, yes, they have dorms, they have such a network of activities; but unless that student gets plugged in, they'll be in the same situation," Peterson said. "They're missing a lot if they're not involved."

Jon Eden, executive treasurer, said he has benefited from Student Government.

"It has been an excellent learning experience. It has helped with communicating with other people and learning to communicate more effectively," Eden said.

Depending on how much time a student has for extracurricular activities, Douglas said the time commitment to be on Student Government is minimal.

"I've got two jobs, I'm in a fraternity, and on a committee, and I find time to do it," Douglas said. "If you put more into it, you get more out of it."

Being part of Student Government, Eden said, students have the potential to create things and make things happen.

The Senate consists of 32 senators who represent the university's nine colleges, the four undergraduate classes, the graduate class and the university division.

The open seats include: two in Engineering; one in the College of Continuing Studies; one in the College of Arts and Sciences; one in Human Resources and Family Sciences; one in the university division; and three in the graduate class.

The Senate meets every other Thursday of the month during the fall and spring semesters, and on one Thursday each month during the summer. The meetings are open to the public.

"If students have any concerns or complaints we're always here," Eden said.

Anyone interested in Student Government may stop by the office located in Arts and Sciences Hall, Room 107.

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After all, for roughly the same amount of money it costs to live in other campus dormitories, students living in the Martha Cook Building, an all-women residence hall, get treated to sit-down dinners—complete with waitresses—four nights a week and to tea on Fridays.

Gloria Picasso, director of Cook, calls the residence hall "the best-kept secret on campus."

Cook was built in 1915 by UM graduate William Cook as a tribute to his wife and has served as a women's dorm ever since. Its halls are decorated in a Gothic style, complete with furnishings from the 18th and 19th century.

Although residents like the culinary touches—Cook comes with its own kitchen staff—and appreciate the classic surroundings, Picasso says that most women move into the historic hall because of security. "We have visiting hours and escorts," she says. "Students won't see someone roaming the halls."

If they want a little seclusion, Cook residents always can head to the Sparking Room, a stained-glassed and oak-shelved space used today for studying and relaxing. Picasso says the room once was used by residents and their dates.

"The women would get 10 minutes with their boyfriend in the Sparking Room," says Picasso, adding that heavy curtains covered each entrance just in case someone entered. "After the time was up, the Cook chaperone would knock on the door, and the guest would have to leave."

So, the room once was a haven of purity and chastity during a far simpler time, right? Picasso doubts it.

"I would imagine that couples learned to do a lot in 10 minutes," she says.

NASHVILLE, Tenn.—This was supposed to be Northwestern University sophomore Marcel Price's breakthrough year. As a four-year honors student and an All-American defensive back and running back in high school, Price, 19, was expected to contend for a starting slot on this year's Wildcat team.

But on July 14, Price's potential was lost when he was accidentally shot in the head and killed by a longtime friend.

Only a few days after he arrived home in Nashville, Price was visiting with his friends from Whites Creek High School when Omar Deshawn Braden, 19, picked up a gun he thought was empty and playfully fired it at Price. Although he was taken immediately to a nearby hospital, Price died less than two hours after being shot.

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Child Care Center Tends to UNO's Youngest Students

By Beth Warner

UNO has a lot to offer, even if you're under 13.

At the UNO Child Care Center, children ages 18 months to 12 years can take part in a variety of activities: swimming lessons, nature walks, reading and fine arts activities.

Ellen Freeman-Wakefield, director of the child care center, said the center uses many of the facilities on campus for the children's activities.

Children take swimming lessons at the Health, Physical Education and Recreation Building, use the UNO Library, and

visit the theater and Art Gallery in the Fine Arts Building.

Children 6 years and older enrolled at the center take one off-campus field trip per week. This summer, she said, the children visited Neale Woods Nature Center, Mahoney State Park, DeSoto Bend, Heartland of America Park and Elmwood Park.

Younger children stay on campus for activities such as scavenger hunts and trips to the bell tower.

The center also has a summer reading program.

Children in kindergarten through third grade can read 15 picture books or have parents read to them, and they earn an ice cream bar donated by food service.

Those in grades four and above can earn

the same reward by reading three chapter books such as the "Goosebumps Series" or the "Baby Sitters Club" series. The top reader in each group at the end of the summer earns a book of their choice, she said.

The child care center enrolls about 85 children ranging in ages from 18 months to 12 years. Toddlers are not required to be potty-trained, Freeman-Wakefield said.

The center is fully licensed according to standards required by the State of Nebraska. This means that the center meets or exceeds all fire and safety standards, such as the number of exits and fire extinguishers and sanitation standards for food handling and diaper changing, she said.

The center exceeds state requirements on its staff/child ratio. For children ages 18 months to 3 years, child care facilities are required to have no more than six children per staff member, she said. At UNO the ratio is 5-to-1. For children 4 years and older the required ratio is no more than 12 children per staff member, at UNO the ratio is 10-to-1, she said.

The center has five full-time staff members. Most part-time positions are filled by UNO students. Each staff person has at least one year of child care experience and receives additional training on policies and procedures before starting work, she said. Monthly workshops provided by the center help the staff members to update their skills.

Children are given breakfast, lunch and an afternoon snack. Toddlers get a morning snack in addition, she said.

"The child care center was established to help students on campus," said Freeman-Wakefield.

The center is also available to faculty and staff. Parents are required to enroll their children for a minimum of 20 hours or two full days. Full-time care is also available. After-school care is available during the academic year, but parents are responsible for transportation to campus, she said.

Pre-registration for the child care center is in April and November, but the center accepts applications throughout the year. Enrollment at the child care center depends upon space available and is first come first serve, she said.

If space is open a child can be enrolled immediately. When space is not available children are placed on a waiting list. Freeman-Wakefield said parents usually wait a few weeks, sometimes they must wait until the next semester.

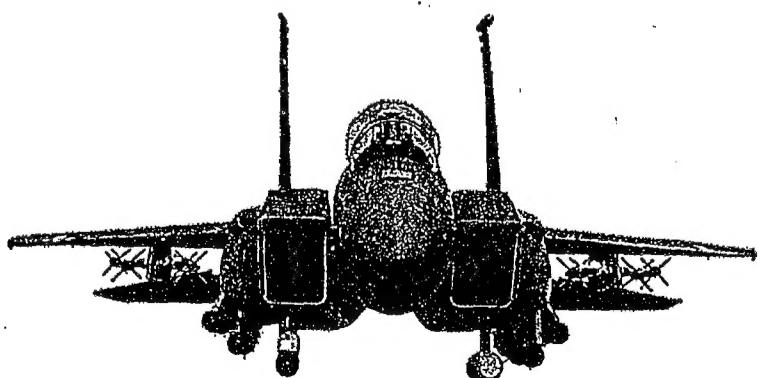
Photos by Lydia Johnson



UNO Can Be Child's Play

Four-year-old Sara Atwater, above, discovers the ins and outs of UNO's child care center, located on the west end of campus.

Lindsey Stansbury, left in photo at right, explores the fun of sand at the child care center with, from left, Mona Baishya, teaching assistant Lisa Manzelli and Bret Bolz.



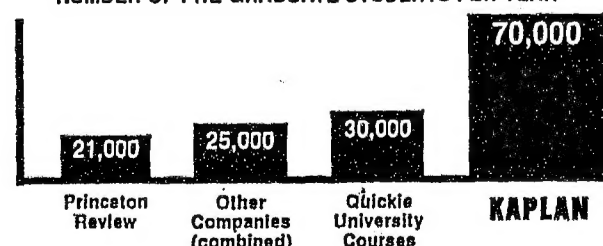
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Health Services Yearns for Future Home

Staff continues to serve students despite inconvenient location, looks forward to new office

By Niz Proskocil

UNO Health Services may not have the cure for those back-to-school blues, but it does provide students with affordable health care throughout the school year.

Ruth Hanon, supervisor of health services, said the renovation to the Student Center has caused many inconveniences since their move to the third floor, with the biggest drawback being the lack of confidentiality.

"Our reception area is in the hallway, so phone conversations and visits at the front desk are not very private. And there's such a small place in back that there's only one room where we can actually close the door."

Hanon said another drawback is that students may not be aware of the new location.

"Since we're out in the middle of the hallway, most people drop by and think we're an information booth. I'm always directing people around the building."

Hanon said that according to previous surveys, about less than 25 percent of the student body uses health services.

Judy Wollen, health services Registered Nurse, said the number of students visiting health services has declined.

"It's not easily accessible," Wollen said. "I don't know if students just don't know where we're at, or maybe they don't want to come upstairs, but our numbers are down."

Wollen said that after the renovation is complete, the new space on the first floor will be more accessible and more visible to students. It will be about twice the size of their previous first floor location, she said.

Besides the increased size, the new space will have three private exam rooms, additional office space and an internal bathroom.

Hanon said she is excited about having additional office space, which will allow for confidential discussions and teaching.

"We'll have areas to talk to people privately because we handle a lot of sensitive issues, so there'll be plenty of space for that," she said.

The new space will also house the health education office.

"Our alcohol and drug education coordinator, Jeff Kuhr, will be in the same area. We'll be able to coordinate things such as the health fair, teaching programs and seminars."

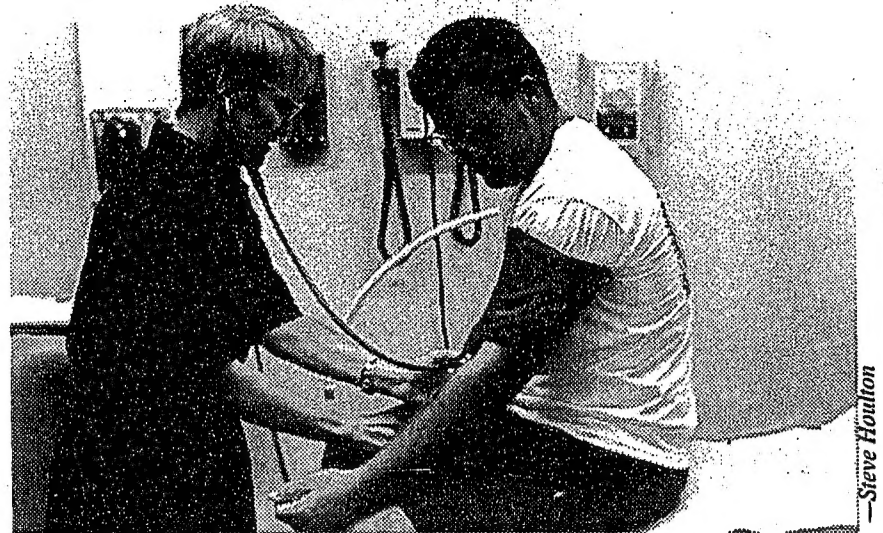
Health services will be one of the last areas to move in the spring when the Student Center renovation is complete, she said.

Hanon, who calls herself the "20 minute counselor," does personal, short-term interventions, which she said usually involve students with unplanned pregnancies, or students with questions about sexually transmitted diseases.

"I think students with personal issues are comfortable about using health services because it's not labeled as 'counseling.' I do very brief interventions, otherwise I refer students to the counseling center for anything long term."

Hanon said 90 percent of students visiting health services come to see a nurse, while about 10 percent see a physician.

She said the top 5 diagnoses of students using health services included: upper respiratory infections, gastrointestinal problems such as stomach aches and ulcers; headaches and tension-



As supervisor of health services, Ruth Hanon, left in above photo, often performs routine medical procedures on students such as Patrick Honan.

related symptoms; sexually transmitted diseases; and muscle injuries.

Wollen said health services has two full-time RNs, one part-time RN and physicians who are on duty about 20 hours per week.

"A lot of times we can take care of what they have, but if it involves a prescription they need to see one of our physicians," Wollen said.

Health services provides students with first aid, emergency care, blood pressure checks, allergy shots, immunizations, wart and mole removal, limited vision screening, urinalysis, examinations for strep throat, mononucleosis and STDs, pregnancy tests, blood tests and other services.

They also have over-the-counter medica-

tions available to students with headaches or sore throats, and the doctors can write any necessary prescriptions.

Health services is funded through student fees and the only services a student has to pay for are pregnancy tests and any outside lab work, Wollen said.

"It's a good place and it's a lot cheaper than going elsewhere," she said.

Hanon said she would like students to know that it doesn't generally cost anything, there is always an RN on duty, and there are physician appointments available.

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Understanding is Key to Avoiding Tuition Woes

Knowing how much and when to pay is students' responsibility regardless of rising price tag

By Kate Kalamaja

Most students attending college are aware of the dreadful word "tuition." But even though tuition is not on the brighter side of the spectrum when it comes to college, it's a fact of life.

Margie Schwartzkopf, manager of student accounts, said one way students can make the month of August go a little easier is to know what their responsibilities are when it comes to tuition.

"The students really need to educate themselves so they know how much to pay and when," Schwartzkopf said.

At the end of July, the Registrar sends out tuition statements to students already enrolled for the fall semester.

The statement includes the full amount of tuition due for the total number of credit hours a student is enrolled for during the semester. At the top of the statement, there is a box with a minimum amount due. This amount is due by a certain date, before the semester begins. The minimum payment is like a "down payment" to guarantee the classes the student is enrolled for. The remaining balance is due later in the semester.

The statement gives a breakdown of any previous balance from past terms, and it also gives amounts for the current term, tuition and fees separated.

The statement also gives a list of the classes the student will be taking that semester, along with the location, times and days the classes are.

“Be aware, and don't wait until the last minute.”

—Margie Schwartzkopf, manager of student accounts on paying tuition.

The tuition statement is always accompanied by a registration confirmation instruction sheet, usually on bold color paper; this year fluorescent green.

The sheet gives a list of what students requirements are when paying their tuition, and what the tuition rates are for that semester.

"Students need to familiarize themselves with the policies and procedures," Schwartzkopf said.

In regards to the 6.2 percent tuition increase, Schwartzkopf said she hasn't had many students complain.

The University of Nebraska Board of Regents at the beginning of June, approved a 6.2 percent tuition increase for the entire NU system for the fall.

Schwartzkopf said the usual complaints from students are not about tuition itself, but about the University Program and Facilities, UPF, fee.

"Most people expect it (tuition) will increase every year," she said.

Since the fee is mandatory, even students who are not full-time at UNO are required to pay the full \$95.50; and those are the ones who usually complain, said Rita Henry, assistant to the vice chancellor of educational and student services.

"We get complaints from students who usually take only one class," Henry said.

The UPF fee covers a variety of costs for many services that are available to students. It is divided into Fund A and Fund B.

Fund A includes fees for Student Government and the operation of the five student agencies: Women's Resource Center, International Student Services, American Multicultural Students, Disabled Student Agency and Council for Community and Legislative Relations.

Fund A also includes fees for Student Programming Organization and the Gateway.

The Fund A budget is decided by Student Government, with the approval of the vice chancellor of educational and student services, and ultimately the chancellor.

Fund B includes fees for campus recreation, operation of the Student Center and its renovation, men's and women's athletics, some campus musical groups, such as the marching band, student health services and a small amount for a utilities fee.

The Fund B budget is decided by the regents.

"These are all programs and services offered on campus that tuition and tax income cannot go toward," Henry said.

Students need to become aware of the policies of the university when it comes to paying tuition.

enrolling for classes, dropping or adding a class, and whether or not there's a fee.

Schwartzkopf said the office of Student Accounts gets a number of students who come in at the end of the semester wanting to drop a class they never attended; and they want a complete refund for the class.

It's a responsibility each student should have to know what's expected of them, she said.

"Be aware, and don't wait until the last minute when it's too late. Unfortunately many students wait too long, and some of the problems can be avoided."

Schwartzkopf said that if students have any questions or concerns, to feel free to stop by the office of Student Accounts located in the Eppley Administration Building.

"Suggestions from students to make procedures easier are always welcome, and we'll take a look at them."

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Final Bill	September 15, 1995	September 29, 1995	Remaining balance.

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Parking Has Gotten Easier, But Early Bird Still Gets Spot

By Marylynne Ziemba

When some students think of parking at UNO, the first thing that comes to mind is the phrase "mission impossible."

However, according to campus security Lieutenant Paul Kosel, things are getting better.

"With the slight decline in enrollment, it has helped the parking situation a bit," Kosel said. "We have changed approximately 20 stalls from student to faculty parking in lot G, west of Durham Science Center and still offer the shuttle bus service."

The first few weeks are traditionally the most difficult to find parking. Kosel said students should plan ahead.

"The first thing to do is make sure you get here plenty early. If you think you are going to show up 15 minutes before your class and find a parking spot, it ain't going to happen. Plan early."

Many students have found comfort in the availability of shuttle busses for transportation to class. Beginning at 6:30 a.m., the first shuttle bus leaves the Ak-Sar-Ben parking lot en route to UNO, he said. Every 15 minutes after that, a bus will leave the

Ak-Sar-Ben parking lot and circle the UNO campus, where students can either hop on or off the shuttle at various stops around campus, he said.

The shuttle bus runs until about 6 p.m. "Most comments about the shuttle busses have been positive," Kosel said. "It is more convenient for students to park at Ak-Sar-Ben, where no permit is required, and get dropped off in front of their class."

For students parking on campus, a parking permit is required, which can be purchased at the campus security office in the Eppley Administration Building, he said. A student permit for both day and night parking is \$35, parking after 12:30 p.m. costs \$17.50, and for an additional \$12.50 plus a \$5 deposit, students can buy a garage pass.

A limited number of garage passes are still available, he said. About 990 stalls are available for parking and 2,300 passes are sold annually.

For students parking on campus, beware: Security officers can and do ticket parking violators. In fact, between July 1, 1994 and June 30, 1995, a total of 26,099 parking tickets were issued, he said.

Career Planning Center Helps Students Chart New Waters

By Nanci Walsh

Career Planning and Placement Center is available to help UNO students and alumni chart their futures, said Nancy Nish, director.

Services include career preparation seminars, on-campus interviewing with various employers, direct referrals to employers, interest assessments, current job listings, a career placement library, career fairs, student employment services, internship listings and career placement counseling.

"We have career counseling for all majors to help students make the most out of their college experience and learn how important it is to get one or more internships before graduating," Nish said.

An internship provides students with a true sense of the true environment, where they can let their skills grow and test their own interests, she said.

"Doing an internship before graduating from college is an asset for students because it helps them make a better career choice, and helps them pursue employment, keeping the employer's point of view in mind," she said.

Employers are very interested in students who work internships, she said. It is a strong indicator of how interested the students are in their chosen field, and of their willingness to gain a little experience.

Students can access all the part-time jobs through the student campus wide information service (SCWIS), which can be done by getting an account in campus computing, Nish said.

"There are endless opportunities to browse job listings that are on-line," Nish said.

A goal of the career center is to create work stations where students can come and find career information with access to the resources that are not currently available to them without help, Nish said.

"We will try to help students get familiar with what is available to them," she said. "We're tying together an outline on how they can access these resources, but right now we don't have a location in our office for them to do this."

For seniors, job searching can start as soon as they're ready to pursue the job market of choice, she said.

"You can start early even if you're not able to start working at this point.

you can still make contacts with the employers," Nish said. "You can start discussing what they have available and they can start learning more about you."

By making contacts, students can be first in mind for opportunities if something opens before they graduate, Nish said.

"If you want to target Omaha you want to know where all related companies are in your chosen field," she said, "and wanting to relocate opens up other avenues for you."

Resumes are another important factor.

"Every resume is an evolving process," she said.

Advice for freshmen is to do well in school and get involved in activities that are meaningful, Nish said.

"This is your university and the university can have an impact, but you can impact it more than you realize," she said. "We try to share with students ways to get involved with student organizations. By doing so it will help them develop leadership skills."

Becoming involved in something will enrich a student's mind and allow an opportunity for fun in the process, Nish said.

"For freshmen, do well in school, get involved in activities and get an internship," she said. "Start a resume any time. Students think that they have nothing to put on it, and they don't realize that they can put things they had done in high school."

For students who want to start constructing their futures, the career planning and placement center is located in the Eppley Administration Building, Room 111; or phone 554-2333.



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Clubs Represent All Walks of Life

Common interests can lead students to friends and fun at UNO

By Tim Rohwer

A variety of professional and athletic clubs at UNO can enhance a student's life while in school.

There are professional clubs for students interested in accounting, marketing, civil engineering, physics, journalism and public relations, criminal justice, physics and much more.

"These clubs provide speakers and other professionals who share their own ideas about where students can go with their careers," said Amy Bellows, student organization advisor. "These clubs also have social events, so it's a great way to meet people."

Students can pick up fliers with listings of all the clubs either during orientation, Bellows said, or in the Student Organizations and Leadership Development office on the second floor of the Student Center.

"They (students) can come in and we'll ask them what they're looking for, and we'll put them in touch with that organization's advisor," she said.

Some clubs may require students to dues to join, Bellows said.

Athletic clubs have been scoring points among students in recent years, too.

"We've had a good increase in participation in the last two and three years," said Kevin Stuhr, graduate assistant of club sports in UNO's health, physical education and recreation department.

“We need individuals to step forward for leadership in these clubs.”

—Kevin Stuhr, graduate assistant of club sports in department of health, physical education and recreation.

Fencing, lacrosse, cycling, bowling and volleyball are just some of the athletic clubs available to students. But they can play some sports that may not come to mind immediately. These include table tennis, aquatics, badminton and rugby.

"We had our first rugby meeting a couple of weeks ago and 10 people were there, which I think is a good number of interest," Stuhr said.

Some new fitness clubs are being proposed for the fall to fit into students' lifestyles, he added.

"We're looking to get a weightlifting class going in the fall and possibly an aerobic/body shaping club," Stuhr said.

Some clubs are being proposed for those who like the great outdoors, he said.

"There are some clubs that aren't officially formed, but we're trying to organize, and they include backpacking, rock climbing and kayaking," Stuhr said. "We need individuals to step forward for leadership in these clubs, people to take charge and organize them. We would like to have at least two individuals that represent these clubs at the monthly meetings with us (sport club officials)."

For the equestrian set, a horse club is possible, though not active at present.

"We'd be more than happy to start

one," Stuhr said.

Besides the physical recreation, these clubs also provide other benefits, he said.

"These clubs provide leadership skills for students, and they get to learn how to do fund-raising activities. We have our martial arts club put on demonstrations in high school, and that can attract students to come to UNO," Stuhr said.

"Students in these clubs usually work out with other people so that can provide friendship and companionship. That can be important for new students unfamiliar with the campus."

Stuhr said students can receive more information on all the sport clubs by stopping into the main office just inside the entrance of the HPER Building.

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Planetarium's Appeal Goes Beyond Campus

Star, laser shows educate and entertain local children, families

By Lydia Johnson

UNO students can get starstruck at the Kountze Planetarium.

The staff regularly presents a variety of programs geared both toward teaching and entertaining, said April Whitten, planetarium business manager.

During the day it is not uncommon to find children attending one of the educational programs sponsored by the NASA/Regional Teacher Resource Center.

On Friday and Saturday evenings, family and students can attend "Laser Majic" shows. For example, Z-92 sponsors "Laser Majic-Rock!" and 93 K-Rock gets into the act with its own version, "Laser Majic-Alternative!" There is also a country music show, she said.

"What's Up," is a lecture on stars that begins in the planetarium and ends on the rooftop observatory deck.

Whitten said the show that attracts the largest crowd is the one that features Mannheim Steamroller Christmas music.

She said the educational programs attract two-thirds of the planetarium's annual crowd of 30,000.

The success of the planetarium is due, in part, to the staff of highly qualified student workers it employs on a work-study basis, Whitten said. They are the "backbone" of the planetarium, she said. For example, former intern Mark Bourne has become well-known for his work in planetariums. He has produced a nationally successful work, "Orion Rendezvous: A Star Trek Voyage of Discovery," which he donated to the planetarium as a gift.

The piece of equipment that contributes to the planetarium's success is a Spitz Star Projector, which rises from the center supported by an array of slide projectors, special effects projectors and tape decks, she said.

Much of the equipment has been developed by student staff members, as well as Charles St. Lucas, the planetarium's production manager, she said.

The planetarium's own "optic bench" was built by St. Lucas and some students, in an effort to combine the best components of optic benches available, he said.

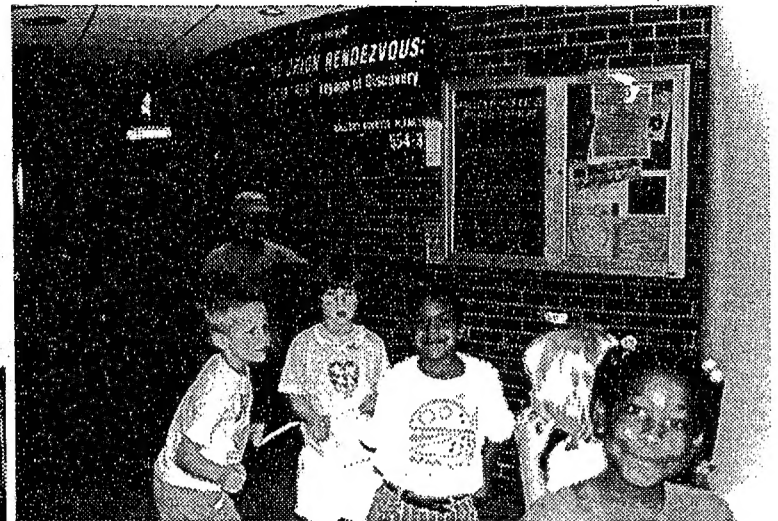
"The optic bench directs light from a laser to a prism, then onto mirrors, which are then distributed by scanner pairs onto the 33-foot dome. The result is a spec-

tacular color laser display," she said.

Funding for the many projects is achieved in two ways. Educational outreach programs are supported by the Nebraska Space Grant Consortium, she said. The weekend planetarium star programs, school shows and laser shows

are self-supported by gate receipts, she said.

Admission for the laser shows is \$4 for adults and \$3 for children, and the star shows are \$3 for adults and \$2 for children.



—Photos by Lydia Johnson

Student worker, Patrick McCormick, in rear of above photo, follows a school group out of the planetarium after a show.

Planetarium Production Supervisor, Chuck St. Lucas, foreground in photo at left, and student worker Patrick McCormick, background, are the planetarium's wizards behind the curtain.

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Hoopin' It Up at UNO

Local youths ran the courts for the last time this summer as the final buzzer sounded on the 1995 UNO Boys Basketball Camp.

About 100 boys in grades 3-12 attended the four-day camp in the UNO Fieldhouse last week, which was hosted by new Maverick Head Coach Kevin Lehman and his staff.

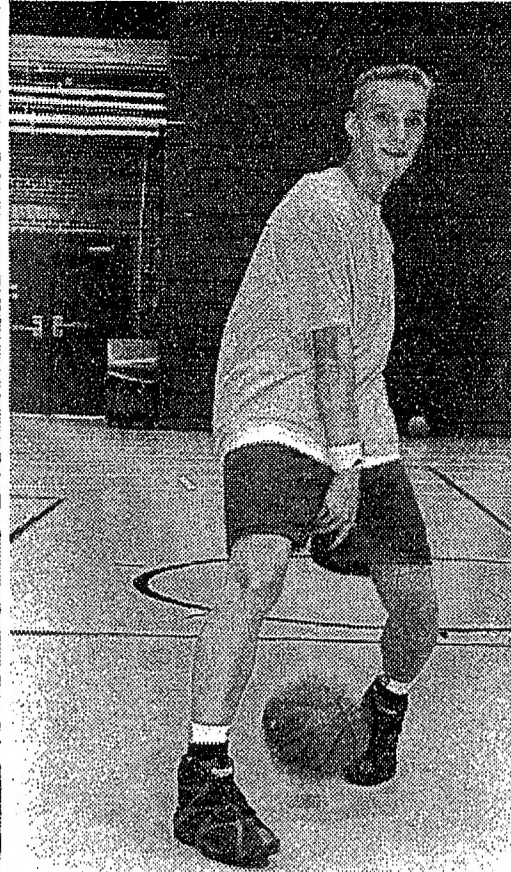
Special guest speakers were brought in throughout the camp, giving motivational speeches in between drills.

"We had former Maverick and Omaha Racer Dean Thompson attend Monday's camp, ex-Northern Iowa standout Cam Johnson Tuesday, and ex-Husker Jamar Johnson as our guest Wednesday," Lehman said. "I'm happy with the support the camp has received this year. It's been a great success."

The cost for each participant was \$100. Camp lasted from 9 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. each day, with a two-hour lunch break in which the campers could take a cool dip in the UNO pool, practice jump shots or just take it easy.

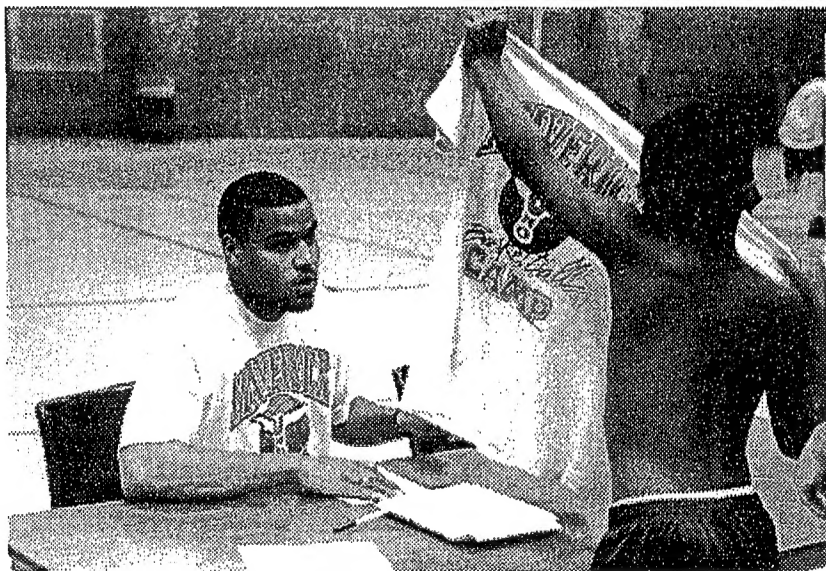
Throughout the day, events such as the hot shot contest, free throw contest, and the lunch-time slam dunk contest between the college helpers and camp staff added excitement to an already jam packed schedule.

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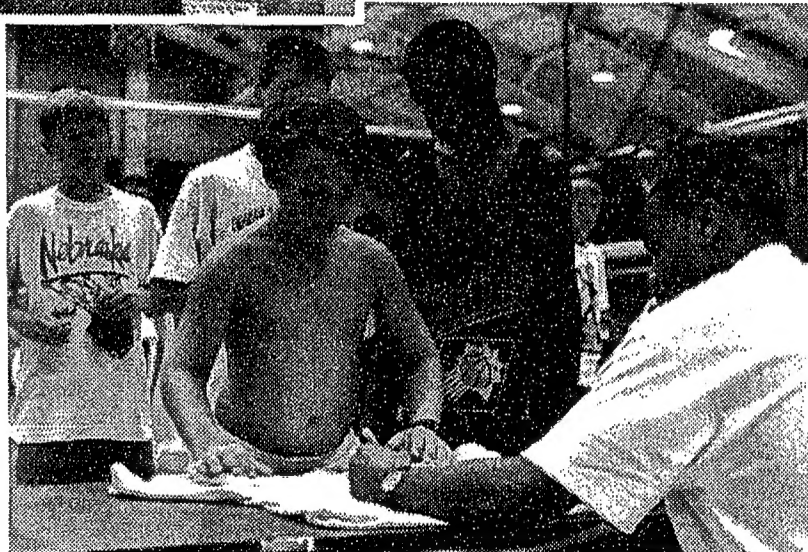


Justin Crader, 17, above, practices his dribbling during drills.

Creighton junior and camp assistant, Carteze Loodermilk, left, shows campers how jamming is done.



Former Cornhusker basketball player James Johnson, seated in above photo, took time out from the busy camp to sign autographs.



Jory Kraft, facing in the foreground of above photo, gets his t-shirt signed by James Johnson. Nine-year-old Kraft is the son of UNO sophomore Stephanie Kraft.

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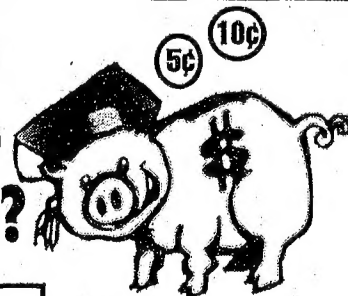


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On Heels of Rising Attendance, Intramurals Ready to Open Fall Season

By Tony Reinke

While the UNO athletic department is preparing for the new year, the UNO department of health, physical education and recreation is suiting up for the new intramural season.

The program, home to 43 sports and events, will take place throughout the school year, said Kevin Stuhr, a graduate assistant.

The variety of sports includes softball, basketball, flag football, volleyball, golf and non-physical games such as sports trivia and chess.

The fall sports program, open to students, faculty and staff, will begin with the pre-season flag football tournament Aug. 23, Stuhr said. The conclusion of that game will kick off the flag football season as well as the softball, sand volleyball, 3-on-3 basketball, golf and tennis seasons.

Session two of the fall sports will begin Oct. 9 with the winter basketball tournament. Indoor soccer, floor hockey, 5-on-5 basketball, volleyball and racquetball will begin their seasons Oct. 15.

Most of the fall events are separated into three different leagues: men's, women's and coed. The only exceptions are flag football, wrestling, golf, tennis, racquetball, horseshoes, track and field and the three basketball contests next spring. Those events are divided into men's and women's divisions only.

Stuhr said he expects another good turnout for 1995-96.

"The attendance for the intramural program has increased in the past four years," he said. "Last year we had 2,200 kids



Intramural Basketball Team

during the school year, and we're looking for that number to increase."

Stuhr said they are promoting the program more than they have in past years.

The cost for the events is \$10, which is refundable at the conclusion of the season. Special events such as Punt, Pass and Kick, and the tug-of-war are free.

Registration for the events is located at the Student Center or the campus recreation office in the Health, Physical Education and Recreation Building, Room 100.



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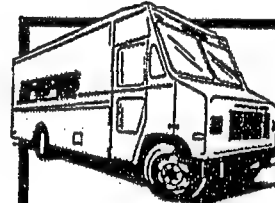
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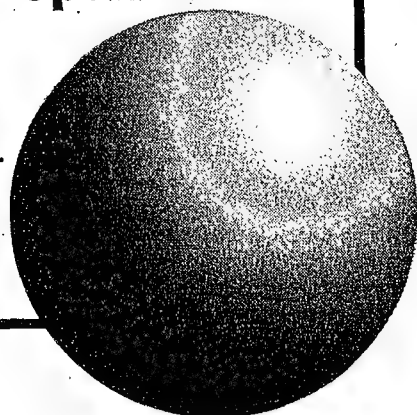
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Religious Center Welcomes Students of All Faiths

Campus pastor believes young people may have lost faith in churches, not religion

By Susan McElligott

College is a time of self-examination, for students to face intellectual challenges and to set career goals. But it can also be a time of soul-searching, said the Rev. Phil Owen, UNO campus pastor for the United Christian Ministries in Higher Education.

"This is a time for young people to see how the faith they inherited as children matures into adulthood," he said.

The University Religious Center, located at 101 N. Happy Hollow Blvd., is a place for fellowship and spiritual support. A number of Christian denominations are housed under its roof.

Owen said that as a minister with United Christian Ministries, he represents the United Methodist Church, the United Church of Christ, Presbyterian Church USA and Christian Church Disciples in Christ. A Lutheran Church, Missouri Synod minister works through the center, and an Evangelical Church of America minister has a box there.

"We're all separate, but of the same mind," he said.

Owen added that people of all religions are welcome at the center. Plenty of meeting space is available to any campus group, he said. He also said the building is open for Bible or academic study groups, or for students who want to relax or study in a quiet place.

Planned activities, such as Friday night movies and pizza offer students a chance to meet and socialize. The films are followed

by open discussions, "usually nothing really heavy," he said.

Owen said he hopes to expand these fellowship nights to include other activities, such as games or music.

He also hopes to organize student involvement in service activities. "I'd like to give students a chance to give back to the community," he said.

He said he'd like to help students get involved in the Habitat for Humanity project, or any program students are interested in. Owen said he is always open to students' suggestions for activities.

"New people are always welcome to the center," he said. "They don't have to make any commitments, they can feel free to just drop by."

Owen said he is collaborating with the Lutheran ministry to plan an evening of dinner, discussion and dramatic readings later in the fall.

Once he gets a feel for current topics of interest on campus, he said he hopes to run noon discussion sessions.

The center will host its annual welcome-back party Oct. 12, he said. The festivities will be open to all UNO students and will feature food, music and a coffee cart with different gourmet varieties, such as espressos and lattes.

Owen, who was ordained this summer in the United Church of Christ, became UNO's campus pastor in June 1994. He said he chose a career in campus ministry for various reasons.

"People in college are at a place and time in their lives where they are actively searching and growing. That's very exciting to me," he said.

As one who spent a lot of time on college campuses throughout his life, he feels he can relate with students, he said.

"I like working with students on campus, especially since I don't have to be the one to write the term papers," he said.

Owen said he has read studies and articles that claim the so-called Generation X is apathetic toward religion, but he disagrees.

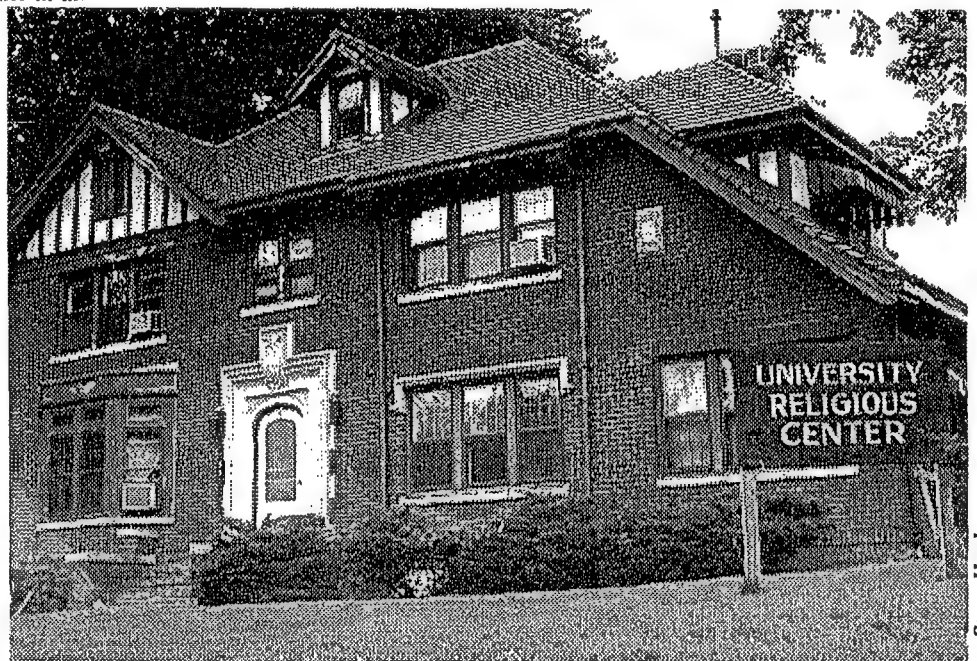
"I don't think young people are apathetic about religion, but perhaps they are apathetic toward the church," he said. "They see churches where different views are tolerated but not appreciated, where people talk big but don't act, and this kind of hypocrisy just doesn't wash anymore."

He added that researchers agree today's young people are socially concerned and jump to help the disadvantaged.

"Maybe they don't do their good deeds in the name of the church or with a church group," he said, "but if those aren't acts of faith nonetheless, what are they?"



Campus Pastor Phil Owen, above, this summer became an ordained minister in the United Church of Christ.



The University Religious Center at the corner of Dodge St. and Happy Hollow Blvd. sponsors movie nights and discussions.

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UNO Library Goes High-Tech

By Marylynne Ziemba

Due to recent technological additions and innovations, the UNO library is no longer just a place to study, check out books, or copy reserve articles.

Whether a student is a computer whiz, able to surf the net and research electronically, or a technophobe, preferring to browse the stacks, the Library caters to both.

Some new services available this fall are a home page on the World Wide Web and a listing of available government documents that can be found on Genisys.

Linda Parker, Library public services chairwoman, said the Library will also be offering a reference service through Campus Wide Information Systems (CWIS) and Student-Campus Wide Information Systems (S-CWIS).

"Students can mail in their requests and within 24 hours, our reference department will be able to answer their questions," Parker said. "For instance, a student can request the population of Douglas County through this service."

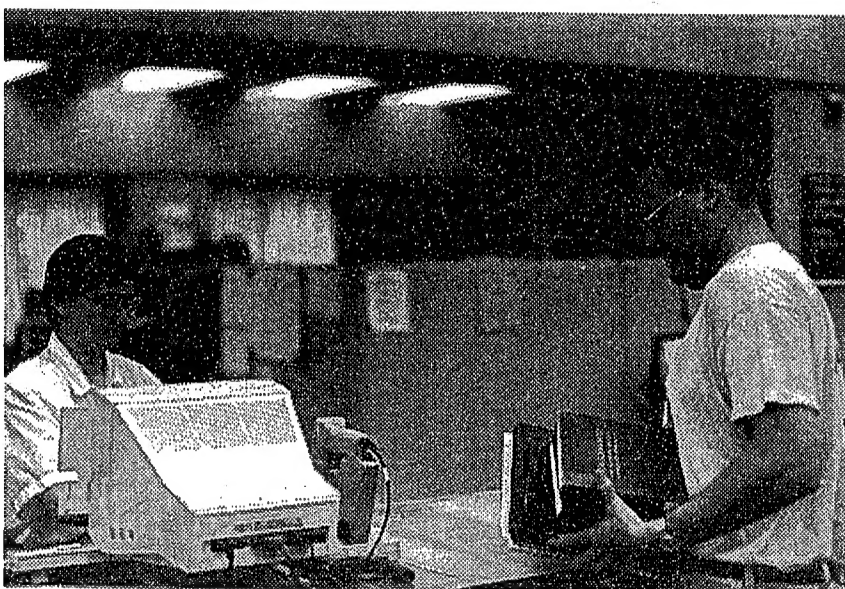
Another new service is the availability of reserve materials on Gopher. What was previously only available through the reserve room in the basement of the Library on a two-hour check out basis is now available electronically, she said.

In addition, the Library has an electronic classroom, which is available to provide hands-on practice using Library services.

Parker said this helps students become more comfortable and familiar with the

“Our primary function is to provide access to information. In fact, there are few people in our building after 10 p.m.”

—Linda Parker, UNO Library staff



Library staff worker, Angela Kroeger, left in above photo, assists junior math major, Jamey Stalling, in checking out some books.

various services that the Library provides for students.

A variety of databases are electronically available for research. One benefit of this type of data is that it is constantly updated and the Library receives new releases frequently, she said.

"On-line databases really complement our print resources and make things run more smoothly," Parker said.

In October, the new academic indexes will be expected, and the Library receives a new index that will provide 2,300 journal indexes, 600 of which will be full-text, she said.

"It really expands our periodicals," Parker explained. "We are very excited about this because it is another step in providing increased access to students."

Once the Student Center renovations are completed, students will have another

option for studying — a 24-hour study lounge. However, Library administrators do not feel that this lounge will cause a decrease in the number of students using the Library for studying purposes.

"Our primary function is to provide access to information," Parker said. "In fact, there are few people in our building after 10 p.m. It is wonderful that the Student Center will be providing this service. I don't see it as competition, but a badly needed service for students."

One option students have while studying is an area where covered drinks are allowed. In the area between the juvenile and legal books on the main floor, students will not find their refreshments confiscated.

"We are very sympathetic to students who are working and studying hard and need a shot of caffeine," Parker said.

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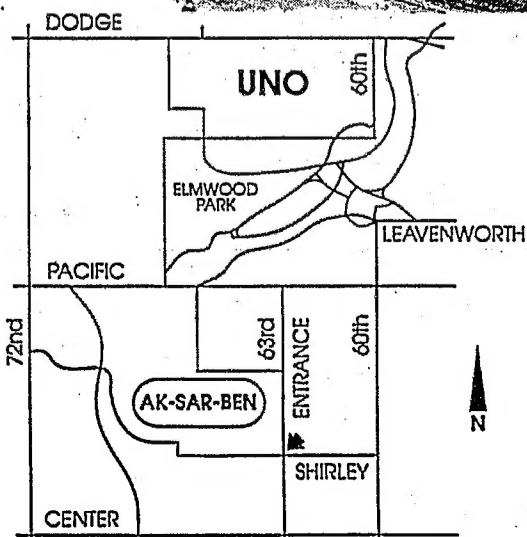
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SPO Combats Construction with Fall Plate Full of Lunchtime Comedy, Music

Preview By Jonathan Worman

Editor's note: This article contains the opinions of the author.

The Student Center may be, as they say, "in progress," but UNO's Student Programming Organization is fully operational.

They have a number of programs designed to enlighten, inform and entertain the student body already planned for this fall.

Their most extensive series, "Comedy Shoppe," will feature at least four comedians performing in the Student Center Ballroom. All "Comedy Shoppe" programs, performed during the lunch hour, are free.

The first comedian, on Aug. 28, is "one of the nation's youngest headliners," Mark Britten. Mark "prides himself on being hip and up to date with Generation X-ers." The tongue is firmly in the cheek. Next, John Heffron per-

forms Sept. 25. John has a notoriously quick wit and has opened for performers such as Tim Allen and Richard Jeni.

Mixing song into the comedy mix is Pat McCurdy, who will be here Oct. 3. SPO notes that Pat has a cult following due to his "audience repartee, offbeat stage persona, and satirical lyrics."

Pat McCurdy is also part of SPO's "Rising Star" series that focuses on up and coming musical acts. Just like "Comedy Shoppe" events, "Rising Star" concerts are free during the noon hour. Previous to Mr. Curdy's performance is the a cappella group Blind Man's Bluff, performing on the Strauss Performing Arts Center lawn Aug. 29. SPO has also tentatively slated The Fishheads, a local band known for their humorous original songs and varied cover versions. SPO has not yet set a time and place for The Fishheads' performance. Watch for more information on this event.

SPO's "Issues and Ideas" series, another free lunch hour series, is more education and information oriented. Two speakers are set to appear: Judd Winnick, on Oct. 11, will talk about living with people with AIDS and his experiences

on MTV's "The Real World." Hadaasha Maryum, a political activist, will talk about life as a freedom fighter when she appears Oct. 26.

On the multicultural front, SPO will present "The Meeting," a drama about a fictional meeting between Malcolm X and the Rev. Martin Luther King, at 7 p.m., Oct. 18. This will be performed off-campus at the Joslyn Art Museum and will have an admission cost. Tickets are available at the UNO Ticket Office (554-2981).

In addition to their major series, SPO also sponsors a variety of unique events. Pippa White will present a one woman performance called "Forgotten Artists," using her extensive knowledge of — and ability to mimic — dialects. She appears in a free 11:30 presentation Sept. 13. Jim Wand, a hypnotist, will perform in another such presentation Oct. 5.

All programs are tentative but for more information about these and other SPO programs, you can talk to them directly on the third floor of the Student Center.

New Music Has Old Sound, Imaginative Lyrics

Music Reviews By Kathleen Peek

Stretford "Crossing the Line"

Get ready for a new, well, maybe not so new, sound. Stretford combines a catchy beat with even catchier lyrics to bring listeners back to the sounds of the 70s.

This doesn't mean that Stretford's debut CD, *Crossing The Line*, can be called retro. It may have a reminiscent 70s sound, but it's combined with a 90s funk that makes it enjoyable listening. Throw in a British vocalist and you have all the makings of a hit CD.

It's upbeat with a style that vocalist/guitarist Carl Normal (the guy with the British accent) calls "fast, hard, catchy pop music."

"I'm trying to be catchy," Normal told the *Austin Chronicle*. "And I want it to be hard because that's what makes it exciting."

And this CD definitely gives listeners a hint into the excitement that Norman must have been referring to. It's probably not an album for everyone, unless you like to sit back, or jump up and dance around to songs that make you feel good. Even though some of the lyrics are about the down side of life, such as "No Tomorrow," a song about the breakup of a relationship, they're

presented in such an upbeat tempo that it's hard not to feel good about it all.

Crossing The Line will definitely become an addition to my CD collection that I'll listen to over and over again. If you want to get a look at Stretford, they'll be playing Thursday at the Cog Factory. If the CD is any indication of Stretford's abilities, the show should prove to be a lot of fun. Don't miss it. If you'll be spending Thursday evening studying for finals, go out and buy the CD, you'll be glad you did.

Trae "Unimaginative"

Looking for something new? Then check out Trae's debut album, *Unimaginative*. This L.A. singer/songwriter has a sound that has been compared to Prince (or whatever he's called these days) and the Red Hot Chili Peppers, but he deserves some credit of his own.

While his music could be compared to some early Prince, Trae has a sound that is uniquely his own. It's a curious blend of funk, hip-hop, rap and rock that kept me listening to see where he'd go next. Personally, I didn't hear anything to remind me of the Red Hot Chili Peppers, but I could definitely hear some Prince (or what's his name) influence in Trae's style, especially in "Representative Of Vanity."

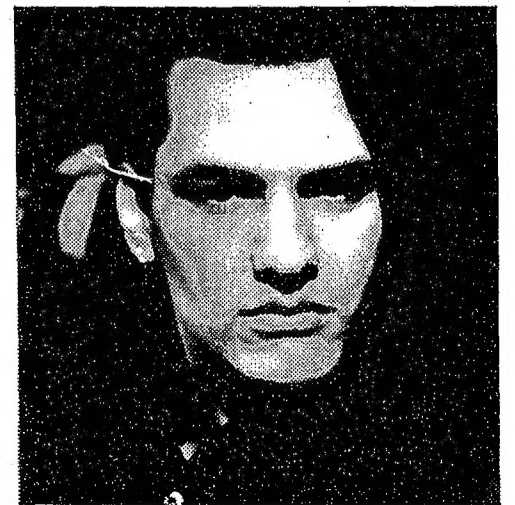
Lyrically, Trae is right on track. He tells a story with a melodic, almost hypnotic, feel for life.

Trae has been performing almost

half of his life and it seems to have paid off for this young performer. He's not afraid to take risks with his music, and it comes through on *Unimaginative*. He credits grunge music for making audiences more demanding of their performers.

"Thanks to grunge, audiences expect the artist to be able to 'perform' their music," Trae said in a press release. "We want to know the artist can play his own instrument, can really sing and has something to say."

Trae definitely has something to say and he does it well. If you want to check it out for yourself, Trae will be performing tomorrow night at the Ranch Bowl. My advice is go see and hear this talented young man and see for yourself. He's new, he's fresh and he's sure to entertain you.



Trae



UNO Drama Season Ready to Get Musical, Go on Rabbit Chase and Explore Greece

By Jonathan Murnane

Next year, students can travel to Berlin, Greece, Mississippi and Wonderland without leaving the UNO campus.

The dramatic arts department has planned four different and interesting shows for the upcoming school year.

Information from Ann MacCashland, secretary of dramatic arts, said the shows planned for the 1995-96 school year are "Cabaret," "Crimes of the Heart," "Electra" and "Alice in Wonderland."

"Cabaret" is a musical that tells the story of the KitKat club in early Nazi Germany. It is a critically acclaimed piece that won numerous Tony Awards on Broadway, including best musical. The dramatic arts department and the music department have banded together for this

production.

"Crimes of the Heart" is a play that is set in Hazelhurst, Mich. and follows the story of a family in turmoil. It is also the winner of a Pulitzer Prize.

The ancient Greek play "Electra" was written by Sophocles. It is a dark tale about murder and revenge with all the elements of classic drama.

The final play of the season will be "Alice in Wonderland."

The play is adapted from the classic story and translated for a 90s audience.

The dramatic arts department is holding auditions for "Cabaret" and "Crimes of the Heart" at 7 p.m. on Aug. 23.

Students can call the dramatic arts department for more information at 554-2406.

Music Department Sets Fall Auditions

The University of Nebraska at Omaha music department invites faculty, staff and students as well as the general public to audition for the following groups on these days:

Oct. 6 University Choirs
7:30 p.m.

Oct. 8 Symphonic Wind
7:30 p.m.

Oct. 15 Heartland Philharmonic
Orchestra
7:30 p.m.

Oct. 15 Faculty Recital-Karen Wicklund,
Voice 7:30p.m.

Oct. 27 Spectrum Showcase
7:30 p.m.

Oct. 29 Spectrum Showcase
7:30 p.m.

Nov. 5 Faculty Recital-Laura Kobayashi
Violin 3 p.m.

Nov. 12 Showcase UNO
7:30 p.m.

Nov. 18 UNO Jazz Ensemble
7:30 p.m.

Dec. 1 Amahi and the Night Visitors
7:30 p.m.

Dec. 2 Amahi and the Night Visitors
7:30 p.m.

Dec. 3 University Choirs
3 p.m.

Dec. 9 Jazz Lab Band Concert
7:30 p.m.

Dec. 10 Heartland Philharmonic
Orchestra
3 p.m.

Delevantes Sound More Mid-Western than Blue-Collar Jersey

Long About That Time
Artists: The Delevantes
Genre: Countryish roots rock
Label: Rounder (CD 9041)

By Rick Anderson
College Press Service

All right, so they're from New Jersey—what of it? As it turns out, New Jersey working-class angst doesn't have to come out sounding like Bruce Springsteen. Not only do Bob and Mike Delevante look like genuine Middle-American heartland country rockers (what with Mike's Danelectro and Bob's bowling shirt), they sound like the genuine article, too (what with Mike's pedal-steel licks and Bob's over-pronounced R's). Maybe you think boys from a nice Italian family have no business writing songs with titles like "I Wish I Were a Cowboy" and "Pocketful of Diamonds." If so, I have two words for you: Joe Val. If not, then you'll have no problem with the fact that this album was recorded in Nashville with E Street Band bassist Gary Tallent behind the board, and you'll be prepared for some truly winsome songwriting and singing from a musical

team whose sweet harmonies and better-than-average lyrics will make you feel like you're 20 years old, unemployed and in love all over again.

At their best, the Delevantes tap into themes that are stereotypical not because they're easy, but because they're timeless: "Big Love" is a perfect song, an ode to a



perfect marriage embedded in roots-country fusion with just the right boogie inflection. "It's a Living" is a classic 12-bar blue collar anthem that achieves effortlessly what Huey Lewis never did in all his years of trying. And even if "A Little Bit of Heaven" errs on the side of obviousness (first two lines: "Don't you know that life/Can be very hard"), "I Wish I Were a Cowboy" hits the target

perfectly with the pitch-perfect plaint of a restless urbanite whose grammar is better than his girlfriend's ("I wish I were a cowboy/She says I wish you was one too"). This disc is a perfectly fine debut album from an impressive young band. Tailor-made for outdoor summer parties.

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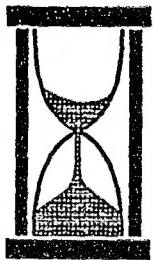
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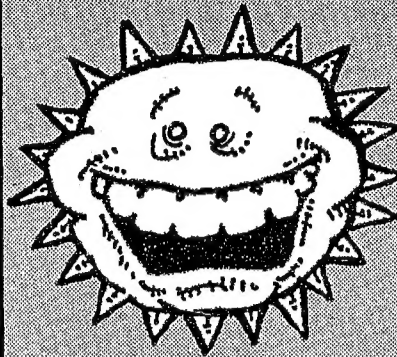
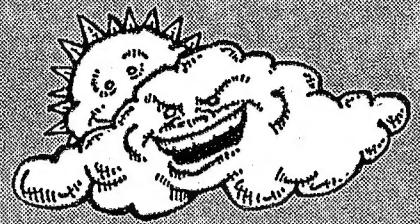


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